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1. PARTIAL RESULTS AS OF 6 P.M. LOCAL TIME INDICATE

BRITISH ELECTORATE HAS VOTED BY TWO-TO-ONE MARGIN TO STAY IN EC. WITH 69.4 PERCENT OF TOTAL VOTES COUNTED, 68.4 PERCENT VOTED YES TO CONTINUED MEMBERSHIP. AT THIS POINT ONLY SHETLAND (13,000 VOTERS) HAS VOTED AGAINST GOVERNMENT RECOMMENDATION.

2. INITIAL REACTIONS TO PARTIAL RESULTS GENERALLY HAVE BEEN PREDICTABLE. PRO-MARKETEERS ARE DELIGHTED WITH EVIDENT OUTCOME. FORMER LIBERAL LEADER JO GRIMOND SUGGESTED THAT INTER-PARTY COOPERATION IN PRO-EC CAMPAIGN WAS FIRST STEP TOWARD BROADLY-BASED, CONSENSUS GOVERNMENT AND ELECTORAL REFORM (HE STOPPED SHORT OF PREDICTING COALITION GOVERNMENT), WHILE FORMER CONSERVATIVE LEADER HEATH COYLY ASSERTED THAT PRO-EC COOPERATION AND OUTCOME PROVED HIS GENERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN CONTENTION THAT PROBLEMS FACING UK COULD BE RESOLVED THROUGH NATIONAL UNITY. HE TOO STOPPED SHORT OF PREDICTING COALITION. LABOR ANTI-MARKETEER MICHAEL FOOT, WHILE EXPRESSING HIS REGRET AT REFERENDUM OUTCOME, INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT RESULTS. HE REJECTED SUGGESTION (MADE BY, AMONG OTHERS, MAVERICK LABOR MP WILLIAM HAMILTON) THAT ANTI-MARKET CABINET MINISTERS SHOULD RESIGN, AND DENIED THAT LABOR PARTY'S DIVISIONS ON EC ISSUE WILL HINDER GOVERNMENT. HIS SENTIMENTS WERE ECHOED BY TUC LEADER JACK JONES AND INDUSTRY MINISTER BENN, WHO ALSO AFFIRMED HIS BELIEF THAT REFERENDUM OUTCOME WILL HEAL DIVISIONS IN LABOR PARTY AND NATION. THUS FAR ONLY EXCEPTION TO CONSENSUS THAT REFERENDUM LAYS EC MEMBERSHIP QUESTION TO REST WAS VOICED BY ENOCH POWELL WHO, CITING GOVERNMENT'S PRO-MARKET PAMPHLET, ARGUES THAT EACH NEW PARLIAMENT WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO REOPEN ISSUE. TRADE UNIONIST CLIVE JENKINS TOOK EQUIVOCAL LINE, ARGUING THAT PRO-EC MEDIA AND "POURING OF FOREIGN MONEY" MADE MOCKERY OF REFERENDUM. PRIME MINISTER WILSON IS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR ON TV LATER TODAY.

3. MOST INTERESTING ASPECT OF REFERENDUM IS RESULT IN SCOTLAND WHERE IT NOW APPEARS THAT 58.4 PERCENT OF ELECTORATE VOTED TO REMAIN IN EC (67.7 PERCENT OF VOTE, COUNTED). THIS WOULD APPEAR TO REPRESENT A SERIOUS BLOW TO SCOTTISH NATIONAL PARTY WHICH HAS BASED MUCH OF ITS UNCLASSIFIED

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STRATEGY ON ASSUMPTION THAT SCOTTISH PEOPLE WERE STRONGLY OPPOSED TO MEMBERSHIP. SEE REFTTEL FOR OTHER IMPLICATIONS OF REFERENDUM OUTCOME.

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